

## MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

April 20, 1973

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MEMORANDUM FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: A. W. Marshall *AWM*

SUBJECT: Appointment of DCI to be Vice-Chairman of NSCIC

Several days ago Tom Latimer told me that you and Jim Schlesinger had discussed the appointment of the DCI as Vice-Chairman of the NSCIC. You evidently were favorable to the idea as a means of expediting the work of the NSCIC and its Working Group. A memorandum designating the DCI as Vice-Chairman is needed if you wish to proceed with this.

The PFIAB, in its assessment of the progress thus far in the implementation of the President's directive regarding the reorganization of the intelligence community, urged that the NSCIC meet more frequently, and suggested that making the DCI the Vice-Chairman might be necessary to bring this about, given your heavy burdens.

Dick Kennedy and I have discussed the matter. We feel there is a risk that you may set a precedent of delegating authority within the NSC committee system. Having done so for the NSCIC, principals in other committees could approach you for similar powers: Rush for the SRG, Clements for the DPRG, Porter for the 40 Committee, etc.

Kennedy recommends that you not designate Schlesinger as Vice-Chairman. If you nonetheless wish to do so, we both recommend that he be designated with restrictions as to his charter. The memorandum to the NSCIC Principals at Tab A is an appropriate formulation which focuses his responsibility as Vice-Chairman on the supervision of the Working Group. He now appoints the Chairman of the Working Group and its activities need to be expanded to fully support the NSCIC in carrying out its tasks.

Dick Kennedy concurs. *DK*

## RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memo at Tab A.

NSC review completed

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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MEMORANDUM FOR

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THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE  
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The President has emphasized his concern that the goals set out in his November 5, 1971 memorandum on the reorganization of the intelligence community be attained without delay. This will require a broadened scope of effort on the part of the NSCIC Working Group in support of the NSCIC.

Accordingly, the Director of Central Intelligence is designated as Vice-Chairman of the NSCIC and charged with the responsibility on behalf of the NSCIC for directly supervising the Working Group.

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